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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.112 AND INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Official Action of October 20, 2008, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on January 21, 2009 (January 20, 2009, being a Federal Holiday in the Washington, D.C., area), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding objections and rejection, in view of the herein contained remarks:

Amendments to the Specification began on page 2 of this paper:

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Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper: